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Axelson et al.

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FEMORAL AND TIBIAL RESECTION IN
KNEE SURGERY

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed June 19, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 9, line 7, please add the following paragraphs:

In accordance with the present invention, there is disclosed a system for guiding the resection of a patient's bone during arthroplasty, the system including a resection guide adapted for guiding a cutting device relative to a patient's bone during arthroplasty, an alignment guide coupled to the resection guide and adapted for attachment to the patient's bone, the alignment guide including a first assembly for positioning the resection guide along a translational path, a second assembly for positioning the resection guide along a first rotational path, and a third assembly for positioning the

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